



DECEMBER 2019 MONTHLY BULLETIN

A non-profit group founded in March 1956, organized to educate the general public and members' knowledge of Mineralogy, Gems, Jewelry Making, Fossils and related earth sciences.

MEETINGS: The meetings are the first Tuesday of each month except June, July, August and December. The Clubs annual holiday party is in December and the annual picnic is in June which includes a silent auction. Visitors are always welcome.

The meetings are at the Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 Black Bob Road in Olathe, Kansas. We meet on the lower level in room **023**. 6:30 to 7 PM is not structured, as member's fellowship and have a raffle. At the end of the raffle anyone who purchased tickets - and did not win anything - can go take one item from the table. The meeting starts at 7 PM followed by the guest speaker. Information is available at our website: olathegemclub.com.

DUES: \$10.00 per year for individuals / \$5.00 per year for minors / children under the age of 12 are free.
(Due by May meeting, and delinquent by September meeting)

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Association Delegates: Norman Onnen & Chet McLaughlin

Alternate Assoc. Delegate: Vicky Ritter & one vacancy(TBD)

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

HOLIDAY PARTY - - - IMPORTANT

At our Nov. meeting a sign-up sheet was started for those who plan to attend the Sat., Dec. 7, 2019 holiday party to be held at the Olathe Hy Vee (5:30 pm, 119th St and Ridgeview, Olathe, KS. I must notify Hy Vee of the number of anticipated attendees the last week of November.

IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING, BUT HAVE YET TO SIGN UP, CONTACT BARBARA CROMPTON TO HAVE YOUR NAME(S) ADDED ASAP. As in the past this popular event will be a catered meal (\$5/person), and random gift exchange (suggested \$15). Gifts may/will be captured/traded a maximum of three times. We look forward to seeing each of you on Dec. 7.

Also, please remember the pre party invitation/opportunity at the home of club member Rebecca Francis. See the flyer at the end of this bulletin.

November Gold Panning:

Once again club members got to try their skills at gold panning in the comfort of our meeting room. Thanks to Vince Martini and Larry Wells for providing the concentrate and setting up the program. This proves to be a popular exercise and we hope to do it again in the next year. To that end, I will be traveling in February to the Tucson gem and mineral show. En route I will be gold panning in Dead Horse Wash (just downstream from the famous Vulture gold mine NW of Phoenix), and will bring back concentrate to add to our next in-house club effort.

Tom Lorenz report:

I talked with Tom on Tuesday, Nov. 12, and to his daughter Mandy on Thursday. I learned that he was discharged to go home on Friday, Nov. 15. On Monday (Nov. 18) I talked with him learning that he is mobile and has been able to work in his rock shop, which is good news. As such, he is able and eager to talk to friends, and I assume would welcome visitors. His stated aim is to be able to attend the holiday party, which would be great!

OGMS History

As club historian, I've been asked recently when the club was initially established. Club Bulletins have long indicated the founding date as March 1956 which to some extent is accurate in that it was Olathe Shawnee Mission Gem & Mineral Society at that time. More recently the club, as we know it today, began about Jan. 1996 (when Sig and Marilyn Ross moved here from San Jose, CA where they owned and operated a rock and gem shop for more than 40 years). The Shawnee Mission and Olathe split occurred sometime after the 1996 time frame. If someone has more specific information/dates please let me know.

March 2020 Show

It's not too early to be planning for the March 2020 show. To that end, the Association (to which we belong, and benefit from) is seeking materials contributions from member clubs (labeled specimens, tumbled stones, quality rough, etc.) to embellish items sold at the Association booth. These sales benefit the Association scholarship fund, the distribution of which annually goes to several related earth science college students each year. (BTW, the just completed Nov. show resulted in \$1,788.90 in sales volume to benefit the scholarship fund. Thank you).

LIBRARY:

At the end of Dec. I will once more do an annual audit of our club library holdings. For those having checked out items (you know who you are), please let me know if you intend to retain them. Also, if you would like particular pieces from periodicals, but don't want to check the magazines out, let me know the titles and the issue in which they appeared. I will then make a photocopy for you and bring it to our next club meeting. Your only expense will be the photocopy charge if more than a couple of pages. Our club library continues to accept donations of materials and publications, and the listing which can be viewed on the club website is periodically updated to reflect new acquisitions. Suggestions for items of interest that the club might obtain are always welcome for consideration.

For those who might have read *The Lost Dinosaurs of Egypt* by William Nothdurft and Josh Smith (regarding Spinosaurus fossils of the Bahariya Oasis), note that the Nov. - Dec. 2019 issue of "The Mineralogical Record", just issued, has an article entitled "The Wadi Natrun evaporite deposits, Western Desert, Bahayara Governate, Egypt".

On a related note, please be aware that at the Kauffman Center on April 28, 2020, paleontologist Nizar Ibrahim will present "Spinosaurus: Lost Giant of the Cretaceous" as a part of the National Geographic Live series.

Norm Onnen

SPRING TENT SALE

Tammy Shaw is making plans for a spring tent sale. Spaces will be available for a fee for you to sell your gem and mineral related items to members, other clubs, and the public. Stay tuned for details.

FIELD TRIPS

Spring 2020

Norm is pursuing another trip to the Hamm quarry in Louisburg, KS this Spring.

Leslie has identified the following fieldtrips for the coming year:

Whetrock Quarry, Troy, KS

Mozarkite Trip

NELSON QUARRY WAVERLY, KS

HAMM Nebraska

Watch for future updates.

NEWS, VIEWS AND REVIEWS

Symposium on Agate and Cryptocrystalline Quartz – September 2005 Golden, CO

If you are a connoisseur of Agates and Jaspers as I am, the following link has some very interesting information from a few years ago. There are some fantastic pictures as well as the articles.

http://friendsofmineralogycolorado.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2005_FMCC_Agate_Symposium.pdf

Dan McDaniel

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7 – OGMS Holiday Party

5:30 pm

HyVee, 18101 West 119th St.,

Olathe, KS 66061

March 13, 14, 15, 2020

The 59th Annual GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Will be held at The KCI Expo

11730 NW Ambassador Dr., KCMO 64153

Dec 7

Pre-Party Open House
at Rebecca's Jewelry

Less than a mile from Hy-Vee:
= 19002 W 116th St =

- * Light appetizers
- * BYOB
- * Shop Rebecca's Jewelry
and Rocks

Start time 4:00 pm

Questions? Call Rebecca
913-205-9883

